

Patent Application Number: 10/077,893

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application.

Claims 38-43 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. The Applicants reserve the right to file claims directed to this cancelled subject matter in a subsequent divisional or continuation application.

I. Rejection of Claims 38, 39, 42, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Wagshul et al.

Claims 38, 39, 42, and 43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Wagshul et al. (US-A-6,501,978). This rejection of claims 38, 39, 42, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over the teachings of Wagshul et al. is deemed moot in view of the above amendments.

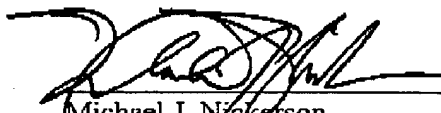
As respectfully submitted above, claims 38, 39, 42, and 43 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. The Applicants reserve the right to file claims directed to this cancelled subject matter in a subsequent divisional or continuation application.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Wagshul et al.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of all the amendments and reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw all the present rejections. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

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